

## *Who are foster families?*

- people who want to help take care of you
- people who want to do things with you like:
  - ☐ have fun
  - ☐ go to a restaurant
  - ☐ go to a park and zoo
  - ☐ go to a movie
  - ☐ be a part of their family!

## *What is shared parenting?*

- foster parents take care of you most of the time in their home
- your family will still be your family

## *Who will work with you?*

- the social worker
  - ☐ home visits
  - ☐ phone calls
- the respite care provider
  - ☐ takes care of you sometimes in your foster home or at another place

## *What do I do?*

- be a part of the foster family
- have some family responsibilities
  - ☐ chores
  - ☐ respect for family members
- pay attention to house rules
  - ☐ bedtime
  - ☐ keep clean
  - ☐ curfews
  - ☐ allowance
- go to school

## *Can I bring my own things?*

Yes, this will be your home too. Any of your special equipment can come with you.

## *Can I have a pet?*

Maybe. Some families may have pets; some families will let you earn that privilege.

## *Will I get an allowance?*

Maybe, the amount depends on your family.

## *Will there be rules?*

There will definitely be rules. They will depend on the foster family and your behavior.

## *Will there be other kids?*

Maybe. This depends on your foster family.

## *What will my new home be like?*

You may live in an apartment or house, in the city or out. Depends on where your foster family lives.

## *Will I have my own room?*

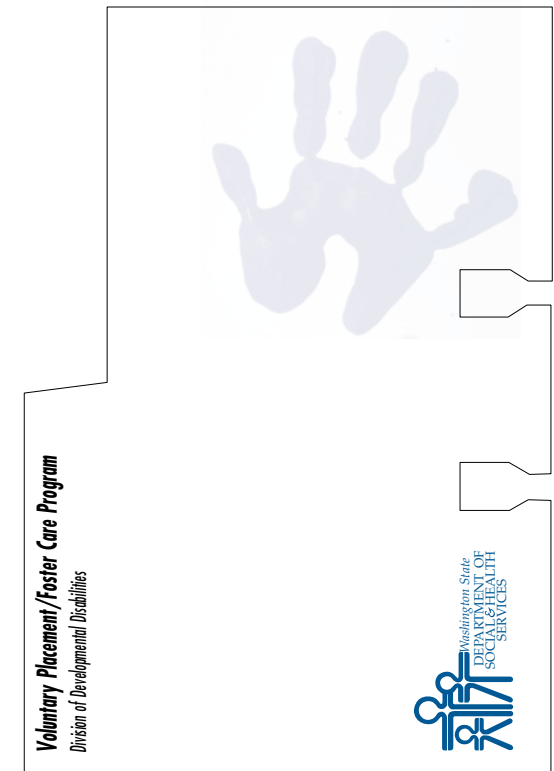
You may have your own room or you may share a room. This will depend on how big your house is and on how many children live there.

## *What will my foster parents be like?*

You may have a single foster parent or a couple.

## *Where will I go to school?*

Depends on where your foster parents live and on your individual needs.



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